

## ABSTRACT

~~Disclosed is an additional~~An image information processing apparatus ~~(10)~~ is  
capable of easily limiting the allowable number of times a content file such as a  
5 confidential document can be copied, or is capable of easily enabling to check a record  
of copy events to trace back the copy events. The ~~additional~~image information  
processing apparatus ~~(10)~~ includes an image acquisition component ~~(2)~~ which acquires  
input image data in which ~~additional~~image information is embedded; and an extracting  
component ~~(20)~~ which extracts the ~~additional~~image information from the input image  
10 data; and an ~~additional~~image information modification component ~~(24)~~ which generates  
new ~~additional~~image information by modifying the ~~additional~~image information when  
determining that the ~~additional~~image information complies with a predetermined  
condition, and generates copied image data by embedding the new ~~additional~~image  
information into the input image data or image data obtained by removing the  
15 ~~additional~~image information from the input image data.